

HARD BLOW DEALT GERMANS WHO LOST NEARLY 9,000 MEN

French Delivered Great Offensive Stroke over a Six-Mile Front in Verdun Region and Drove the Germans Back for a Distance of Two Miles in Some Places

BERLIN OFFICIALLY ADMITS REVERSE

But Says That the German Troops Advanced South-east of Zillebeke to the Second British Line, the Defenders of Which Broke and Flew

Momentarily the western front is again the center of attention, with the French victory at Verdun occupying the chief place in the war news. General Nivelle's stroke has brought the French back, according to their reports, nearly to the line they occupied when the Germans began their great drive for Verdun last year.

To-day's dispatches report that the German crown prince's troops lost nearly 9,000 men in prisoners and 80 guns during the French advance, which was effected to a depth of approximately two miles along a six-mile front.

Just what consequences are to result from the capture of Buzen, the Rumanian railroad center, by Von Mackensen, reported yesterday, have not definitely developed. Apparently the Buzen river line near the southern border of Moldavia is still unbroken.

Berlin, by wireless, Dec. 16.—The Teutonic forces in Rumania are continuing their advance all along the front, the war office announces. Two thousand more prisoners were taken. In Dobruja the Russians have retired.

Violent artillery fighting occurred in Belgium yesterday, the statement says. Southeast of Zillebeke, the German troops advanced to the second British line, whose defenders, the statement says, fled.

On the Verdun front the French drove the Germans from their advanced positions east of the Meuse.

Paris, via London, Dec. 16.—The French troops in an advance yesterday north of Douaumont and between the Meuse and Woivre rivers captured more than 7,500 prisoners and several heavy guns, according to the French official communication issued last evening. The advance was over a front of 10 kilometers and to a depth of three kilometers. The statement says:

"After several days of artillery preparation we attacked the enemy north of Douaumont, between the Meuse and the Woivre, on a front of more than 10 kilometers. The attack started at 10 o'clock. The enemy's front broke down everywhere to a depth of about three kilometers.

"Besides numerous trenches we captured the villages of Vacherouville and Louvemont, the farms of Chambrettes and the fortified works of Hardaumont and Besonvaux.

"We have taken a great many prisoners whose exact number has not yet been determined. Seven thousand five hundred of them, including 200 officers, already have been passed through our commandant's posts.

"Notwithstanding unfavorable weather conditions our aviators took a brilliant part in the fighting. Our losses are slight."

"An artillery battle which started the night of Dec. 14-15 has continued violently in the region of Steenstraete and farther north. Belgian guns of all calibers and trench artillery have spiritedly taken to task the enemy's batteries."

ALLIES NOT READY TO MAKE RESPONSE

Besides, Lloyd-George May Not Be Able to Appear Before House of Commons Next Tuesday.

London, Dec. 16.—It appeared doubtful to-day whether Lloyd-George would be able to go before the House of Commons on Tuesday. He is making steady progress toward recovery, but it is considered unlikely that his physicians will allow him to speak next week, as his voice is affected. At any rate, it is not expected that the government at that time will be in a position to make a statement regarding the German peace proposals.

EXTRA SESSION TALK.

Threat Made if Railroad Bills of Wilson Are Not Passed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Senator Newlands, chairman of the Senate interstate commerce committee and on the joint congressional committee investigating railroad problems, announced in a statement last night that if Congress could not find time at this session to pass railroad bills suggested by the president, the subject should be dealt with at an extra session of Congress.

The Nevada senator also stated that the joint investigating committee had determined to ask Congress to extend its life until January, 1918, to ask for the retention on the commission of Representative Cullup of Indiana, who leaves Congress March 4, and to seek an increase in the appropriation for expenses from \$24,000 to \$40,000.

The joint committee's decision to ask a year's extension was reached at the executive meeting late yesterday and the vice-chairman was directed to introduce the necessary resolution in the House at once. It has been determined since hearings must be held by the Senate and House commerce committee on the president's program and since the time of the present session is so limited it would be impracticable to attempt to hold further hearings at this time in the general railroad inquiry. Referring in his statement to the pending railroad bills which provide for investigation of railroad dispatch and would empower the president to take over the railroad, telephone and telegraph lines in time of military necessity, Senator Newlands declared they should be acted on as soon as possible.

WHEAT RECOVERS FROM FIRST SHOCK AND MOUNTS HIGH

First Sales in the Chicago Pit To-day Showed a Jump of 8 1/4 Cents on July Delivery on Report of Lukewarmers to the Peace Offer.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat leaped upward to-day in response to the Russian duma's rejection of peace terms and because of the reports that the United States would not intervene at present. The first sales showed an advance of as much as eight and one-quarter cents a bushel, July jumping to \$1.42 as against \$1.33 1/4 at yesterday's finish.

LUMBER GOING UP.

And There is Expected to Be Large Production in Vermont.

Burlington, Dec. 16.—The amount of lumber cut in Vermont this winter will be much larger than in several years, according to the managers of two large lumber companies in this city. This, it is believed, will be brought about by the steadily increasing prices of lumber, hard wood flooring, white pine and spruce having already advanced and other grades being expected to advance in price in the spring.

The local lumber companies are still laboring under the difficulty of securing raw material from Canada, this having been brought about by the car embargo. It is expected that the cut this winter will include both hard and soft wood and that the lumber will be used largely at home. Shipments have been greatly hampered by the car embargo.

FRANKLIN COUNTY TEACHERS

Were Addressed By State Commissioner Hillegas.

St. Albans, Dec. 16.—About 200 teachers attended the 10th annual meeting of the Franklin Teachers' association held here yesterday at the academy building. Among the speakers were Milo B. Hillegas, state commissioner of education, and S. C. R. C. Reynolds of the state department of education.

These officers were elected: President, Supt. H. E. Hunt of Swanton; vice-president, Miss Ida Sykes of Enosburg Falls; secretary, Miss Ellen H. Wagner of Richmond; treasurer, Miss Josie M. Martin of Montgomery; executive committee, Miss Laura N. Barnes of St. Albans, chairman. The time and place of the next meeting were left with the executive committee.

WATER POWER RIGHTS SOLD.

International Paper Co. to Produce Power at Milton.

Burlington, Dec. 16.—The water power rights on the Lamolite river at Milton, formerly owned by H. O. Clark, have been purchased by the International Paper company of New York. The new owners announce that they will sell electric power at a low rate to any industries which locate there.

TELEPHONE BONUS.

The Total Distribution Will Amount to \$6,000,000.

New York, Dec. 16.—An extra cash payment exceeding \$6,000,000 will be distributed to certain classes of employees in the companies comprising the Bell telephone system to aid them in meeting the present abnormal living conditions, it was announced here last night by Theodore N. Vail, president of the company. The payments, it was stated, will be equivalent to two or three weeks' salary, in proportion to lengths of service.

BULL MOOSE "REINCARNATION."

Agreed on at Conference of Progressives from Several States.

New York, Dec. 16.—"Reincarnation" of the Progressive party with "a new sense of party independence" based on "the new liberal spirit" was agreed on at a conference of prominent Progressives from several states here yesterday.

GERMANY TURNS TO AMERICA ON PEACE PROFFER

Ambassador Von Bernstorff Called upon Secretary of State Lansing to Learn Attitude of United States Concerning the Proposals of Germany

ALSO TO DISCUSS PEACE IN GENERAL

He Also Was Prepared to Give Any Information Desired by Lansing—President Wilson Is Said to Have Decided Not to Send Accompanying Note

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, conferred with Secretary of State Lansing to-day, seeking information of the attitude of the United States toward the peace proposals of the central powers, to discuss the general subject of peace from this government's viewpoint and to give any information that Lansing might desire on the attitude of the German government.

NO ACCOMPANYING NOTE.

Will Be Sent By Pres. Wilson with German Peace Offer.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—President Wilson has decided that the notes of the central powers proposing a discussion of peace to the entente allies will be sent forward by the American government acting as intermediary without any accompanying mediation offer of its own. He has not determined whether any action in behalf of peace will be taken later by the United States on its own account.

It was stated that the delay in forwarding the notes to the entente allies was due to the fact that the messages received from Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey identical in substance differed slightly in phraseology as a result of different translations.

The fact that the cabinet meeting yesterday lasted more than three hours and was the most prolonged of the year, attracted profound attention in official circles and led to all sorts of speculation. It was explained authoritatively later, however, that the meeting was devoted largely to consideration of departmental matters, and had been prolonged because it was the first time since the campaign that all the members had been present. In other quarters than the White House it was learned that some word indicating Switzerland's action in handing the German note to Italy without comment as announced in the Italian Parliament by Minister Sonnino, was noted here with interest.

Definite indication of the attitude of the entente allies is expected in the speech of David Lloyd-George, the British prime minister, next Tuesday. Meanwhile the authorized statement of the German embassy here that part disarmament will be one of the subjects taken up at any peace conference is being discussed generally in official and diplomatic circles, with speculation as to how far in this direction Germany might be willing to go.

RUSSIAN DUMA DECLINES PEACE

Reported to Have Passed the Resolution Unanimously—Calls German Proffer a Proof of Weakness.

London, Dec. 16.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Petrograd says:

"The Duma has unanimously passed a resolution against the acceptance of the German peace proposals, after a spirited speech by the minister of foreign affairs."

The text of the resolution, as received here, follows:

"The Duma, having heard the statement by the minister of foreign affairs, unanimously favors a categorical refusal by the allied governments to enter, under present conditions, into any peace negotiations whatever.

"It considers that the German proposals are nothing more than fresh proof of the weakness of the enemy and a hypocritical act from which the enemy expects no real success, but by which it seeks to throw upon others the responsibility for the war and for what happened during it, and to exculpate itself before public opinion in Germany.

"The Duma considers that a premature peace would not only be a brief period of calm, but would involve the danger of another bloody war and a renewal of the deplorable sacrifice by the people. It considers that a lasting peace will be possible only after a decisive victory over the military power of the enemy and after definite renunciation by Germany of the aspirations which renders her responsible for the world war and for the horrors by which it has been accompanied."

Two More Ships Sunk.

London, Dec. 16.—Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian steamer Brask and the Swedish steamer Vala are sunk. The crews were landed.

MAY DISCONTINUE RANDOLPH "AGGIE" Trustees Consider the Proposal in Their Annual Report Just Made Public.

Randolph, Dec. 16.—The question of what course the state of Vermont should pursue in regard to agricultural education may well become a prime topic for legislative debate as the result of the report of the trustees of the state schools of agriculture, just made public. The trustees, Commissioner Elbert S. Brigham, Joseph L. Hills, T. N. Vail, A. M. Vaughan and George T. Chaffee, in effect ask the legislature to determine on a definite policy, and the determination of a policy involves a consideration of whether or not the state not only shall not build additional agricultural schools, but whether it shall abolish one of the schools which it now has.

The state at present maintains two schools of agriculture, one at Randolph Center and the Theodore N. Vail school at Lyndon Center, the gift of Mr. Vail. The inventory of the property at Randolph shows a valuation of \$35,000, with the use of other buildings not owned by the state, estimated to be worth \$28,000. The inventory of the Vail school shows a valuation of \$279,957. The school at Randolph can be given up with a loss of only a few thousand dollars, while the abandonment of the institution at Lyndon would mean that the entire property would be lost to the state.

The trustees, in urging legislative determination of an agricultural school policy, say they believe "that the state should provide facilities for every student who wishes to obtain instruction of the type offered by these schools, because the future of Vermont depends very largely upon the success of its agricultural development. * * * An agricultural school with which is connected a well equipped and well managed farm, with a system of crops and livestock raised, possesses great possibilities." But, the report says later, "this laudable aim cannot be adequately accomplished with a meagerly equipped plant."

The trustees, in dealing with the two schools, say that in order that the Randolph school be put in a condition to give the proper kind of instruction to its students an outlay of \$74,000 will be required, with \$20,000 a year for maintenance, while in the case of the Vail school, \$35,000 will be needed to remodel buildings, etc., when the Vail residence is turned over to the state, not an immediate expenditure, with \$30,000 a year for maintenance. Among the items needed at Randolph is a dormitory, the estimated cost of which is \$44,000, or more than the whole plant is worth, as compared with the value of the Vail school at \$279,957. More land is needed at Randolph, at present there being even no pasture for the cows.

The trustees ask for a consideration of whether it is necessary to maintain two agricultural schools in Vermont. The report points out that the maximum attendance in the two schools in 1915-16 was 158, while "it is the opinion of experts in secondary agricultural education that 200 students may be effectively taught in a secondary school." Continuing the report says, "If we grant the validity of this opinion, Vermont does not now need two schools," but also saying that there is the possibility of larger future attendance.

As to the future attendance the report points out that there are certain developments which militate against a future need of two schools, pointing to the increase of the number of high schools that now teach agriculture. It is set forth that "it should be remembered that agricultural courses are now being offered in at least 20 high schools and that the state is appropriating several thousand annually for the support of this work."

The trustees declare that "they are credibly informed that the establishment of such courses in Wisconsin high schools has led to the abandonment of one of the special state agricultural schools because of lack of attendance. If this experience is duplicated in Vermont, if agricultural instruction can be had near at hand, we may not expect greatly increased attendance at our state agricultural schools. The theory of agriculture can be taught, not as thoroughly to be sure, not as much of it in the regular high school course; and many of the students can learn practical farm operations on their home farms."

In conclusion the report says: "The trustees, therefore, respectfully suggest that the incoming general assembly make careful inquiry into the agricultural school situation, with a view of establishing a policy which will provide our youth with facilities for acquiring the best possible education of this type at the least possible cost to themselves and to the state."

BRYAN CABLES PREMIER.

Tells Him to Stop the War and Treat with Germany.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 16.—William J. Bryan, here yesterday on his way to Miami, Fla., stated that he had sent this message to the British premier:

"As a friend of the nations at war, as a Christian and a lover of humanity, I respectfully but most earnestly appeal to you to use your great influence to secure your government's consent to negotiations."

"There is no dispute that must necessarily be settled by force. All international disputes are capable of adjustment by peaceful means. Every guarantee that can possibly be secured by war can be stated as a condition precedent to peace. Do not, I pray you, by refusing an exchange of views, assume responsibility for a continuation of the unspendable horrors of this unparalleled conflict. Your decision may mean life or death to millions."

REDUCE PLAYERS' WAGES.

National League Club Owners Reach That Determination.

New York, Dec. 16.—After a session lasting four days, the National league club owners ended their annual meeting here last night.

The declaration that "players' salaries must be scaled down" met with unanimous consent. The prevailing opinion was that if clubs desire to meet operating expenses and realize a fair interest on the money invested, the high salaries brought about through the Federal league war must be cut down considerably.

DROPPED DEAD IN CLASSROOM

Prof. Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard University Was Lecturing

BEFORE 60 WOMEN OF RADCLIFFE COLLEGE

He Was Pronounced German Supporter in the War

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—Hugo Munsterberg, professor of psychology at Harvard university, died suddenly to-day, while lecturing before a class of Radcliffe college. Prof. Munsterberg was seized with what appeared to be a fainting spell on the lecture platform. Some of the young women members of his class, of whom there were 60, went to his side and then called a physician. The latter reached the stricken teacher just before he expired.

Prof. Munsterberg was born in Danzig, Germany, in 1863, and after distinguished work as an educator in his native land he came to Harvard in 1892 as professor of psychology. In 1910 he returned to Germany as Harvard exchange professor to the University of Berlin, resuming his work at Harvard in 1912. He was president of the Boston German association.

Munsterberg became prominent after the great war began by presenting in his addresses and written articles the attitude of the Teutonic allies as he understood it. Gradually he came to be regarded as the spokesman in New England for many Germans and others who favored Germany. As the result, he was brought into controversy with other members of the Harvard faculty who were outspoken in defense of the allies.

FOUR YEARS' SENTENCE.

Imposed on Daniel Pilbin in Lamolite County Court.

Hyde Park, Dec. 16.—The December term of Lamolite county court finished its work and adjourned yesterday. The work of the term consisted of two criminal cases tried by jury, one bill found by the grand jury, granting of ten divorces and the transacting of considerable civil and chancery cases. Judge Slack, who presided, moved the work along rapidly and thoroughly.

Sheriff Town took Daniel Pilbin of Elmwood, who pleaded guilty of assault with intent to kill, and Henry Reynolds of Waterville, who pleaded guilty to assault on his wife, both sentenced to the house of correction for not less than four years, to that institution yesterday. Deputy Sheriff J. T. Stevens took John Peppaw, Jr., of Eden, charged with burglary, to the industrial school Friday.

The divorces granted were: Horton E. Doty vs. Mary Doty, Jefferson; Bessie Wheeler vs. Charles Wheeler, Morrisville; Henry Pells vs. Minnie Pells, Waterville; Eva W. Bourn vs. Leon O. Bourn, Cambridge; Myrtle Eldred vs. J. W. Eldred, Belvidere; Minnie Battye vs. George Battye, Morrisville; Margaret Clark vs. Charles E. Clark, Cambridge; Lena Woodward vs. Edward Woodward, Johnson; Mae A. Burner vs. Frank Burner, Johnson.

In the case of State vs. Jones, charged with rape, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty; in the case of State vs. Crawford, charged with driving an auto when intoxicated, the jury were unable to agree.

RE-UNITED IN JAIL.

Three Women Members of Family Under Arrest in Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 16.—Mother, daughter and sister were re-united in Chittenden county jail this morning, but the reunion was necessarily slight as the mother, Nellie Pasha, was to be taken to state prison at Windsor to-day to serve a sentence for adultery.

Her sister, Jennie Lamphere Adams, was arrested last night when her home on North Winslow avenue was raided by the police on a warrant charging her with keeping a house of ill-fame. The third member of the family, Theresa Sheldon, a daughter of Nellie, and therefore a niece of the woman in whose house she was staying, was also locked up with Jennie, charged with being an inmate of the place. With the exception of a ten-year-old boy the family is in jail, of course omitting the husbands of all three women with whom they do not live.

When the house was searched last evening four soldiers from the Second cavalry, all from Co. K, were found there. The men, Fletcher, Bowman, Eggle and Foley, were allowed to return to the post after their names had been taken, but may be summoned into city court later.

MAY PICK RUTLAND.

As Assembling Station for Dodge Automobile.

Rutland, Dec. 16.—There is good reason to believe that Rutland is to have an assembling factory for the Dodge automobile. The Rutland Business Men's association has been approached by an unknown party for a suggestion as to sites and Newman C. Wade and J. A. Billado, local agents for the Dodge car, have had similar inquiries. A representative of the Torrington Building Construction company of Torrington, Conn., who was in this city yesterday afternoon, stated that it is generally understood among builders that Dodge Bros. have Rutland in mind for the location of a \$300,000 assembling plant to handle their eastern business, the crowded shipping conditions via New York and Albany making it of great advantage to have a storage place in New England which can be reached from Detroit by the Michigan Central, Rutland Transit company and Rutland railroad. So far as can be learned no options on sites have been secured.

FOR ALLIED RED CROSS.

Good Sum Was Netted at Concert and Dance Last Night.

Barre Sister Susans who are sewing shirts for soldiers received a big impetus in their work last night, when a concert in behalf of the Allied Red Cross fund netted its promoters more than \$130. Local artists, instrumental and vocal, and readers, contributed to a program of exceptional worth in Clan Gordon hall, and a fair estimate of the crowd fills the total attendance at 500. The old principle of physics that the contained must be no larger than the container may have kept a few in the lobby of the hall, for patrons of the concert packed the auditorium to the doors. It was a bigger success than the allied committee had anticipated. After the concert there was dancing, and purveyors of confectionery, ice cream and soft drinks were kept busy.

Supplies for the women workers of Barre who have been giving their time and strength to the Red Cross fund will be purchased with the proceeds of the benefit concert. Much has been accomplished already, but the women are now assured that the product of their needful work will be much greater. City Clerk James Mackay presided at the concert, and the committee included the following men: George Mowatt, president, C. Greig, A. Kirtan, W. Thomson, R. Clark, J. Lawrie, A. W. Cornack, G. Robertson, treasurer, G. McLeod, secretary.

The following numbers were warmly received: Remarks by the chairman, City Clerk James Mackay; piano overture, "The Minstrel," Miss Gladys Rhind; ragtime selection, "Hielan' Laddie," Leslie Mercer; solo, "Thora," Miss G. Palmer; solo, "Hurrah for the Allies," Harry Clark; solo, "Dark Lechnagar," Mrs. Thomas Ingram; Highland dance, Miss Will and Miss Thomson; solo, "Thou Art So Near," D. McMillan, sr.; comic song, John Dunnam; cornet solo, Mr. Barber; reading, Miss Edith Watson; song, Miss Isabella McHardy; step dance, Leslie Mercer; solo, "Till the Boys Come Home," James Bennett; orchestra, Miss Gail and Mrs. Cooper; piper, Piper Riddell.

"EVERY MEMBER" CANVASS

Is Being Conducted By Three Churches in Barre.

Pastors and the laity of three evangelical churches in Barre are showing their faith in advertising by inserting a half-page appeal in The Times. Here in Barre it is something of a venture for the churches to advertise, but in larger centers of population the church is a prolific source for the advertising manager and metropolitan churches prove their abiding faith in the efficacy of newspaper advertising by contracting with the newspapers for regular space reservations. Locally, the Methodist, Universalist and Congregational churches have enlisted newspaper advertising columns in their appeal for subscriptions to maintain the work of the three societies in 1917. The "copy" includes some very appealing reasons why the work of the church should receive the support of the community.

Out of the newspaper advertising and a good bit of advertising that hasn't appeared in the public prints will develop an "every member" canvass Sunday afternoon, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock. Each church has selected a large committee of men and women who will make the canvass, going into every home connected with these churches to try to enlist the interest of the adherents of each church in their church and its work, as well as to solicit subscriptions for the support of the church in the coming year. The allied church committee furnishes a good deal of food for thought in the following statement: "The churches of Barre are doing a larger work for the church than many realize, and they deserve the loyal support of every one; and especially of those who hold membership in them. Let everyone make it a point to be at home Sunday afternoon, and be ready for the committee when its members call—tell them what work you are ready to do and how much you are willing to give."

ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY

At Sale Conducted By Ladies of the Baptist Church.

The sale yesterday afternoon and evening under the auspices of the ladies' missionary society of the Baptist church and the supper with the members of the ladies' aid society in charge proved to be a very successful affair. Although the inclemency of the weather was calculated to keep down the attendance, the parlors were well filled at the sale, as well as at the supper table.

There was an abundance of appropriate Christmas gifts at the booth and counters, with nearly everything imaginable for one to buy at such a sale. There were candy counters, fancywork counters and an apron booth. The candy counters and fancywork counters were tastefully arranged. The apron booth was handsomely trimmed in a color scheme of lavender, yellow and blue crepe paper attached so as to form a canopy of the most gorgeous effects, as the rays of light streamed through to the aprons. There were aprons of every description, from that of a dainty little doll's costume, many of which were hand-embroidered and showed a great deal of care in their making. Quilts were very much in evidence, there being one pattern for which the ladies are taking and filling orders. The ladies in charge of the sale were Mrs. Harry Bradley, Mrs. Carl Rollins, Mrs. Alden Grayson and Mrs. Frank Cave.

The supper which was served from 6 to 7:30 was also well patronized. The menu was baked beans and brown bread of the old-fashioned New England style, with some delicious home-made cake and coffee for dessert. The women who had charge of this part of the program were members of the ladies' aid society, the committee being as follows: Mrs. F. A. Hutchinson, Mrs. Anna Inglis, Mrs. Etta Grayson, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Mrs. James Goske, Mrs. Albert Jones and Mrs. Nellie Kidder.

The business meeting held at 5 o'clock by the members of the ladies' aid society brought about some very satisfactory results. Steps were taken to raise money to be paid toward the parsonage fund. The meeting aroused a good deal of enthusiasm, a vote being taken and \$100 raised, the same to be paid within a specified time.

MAIN STREETS ARE LOCKED

Heaviest Storm in 15 Years Struck Millinocket, Me., This Morning

10-FOOT DRIFTS ON THE AVERAGE

And Several Stores Were Unable to Open for Business

Millinocket, Me., Dec. 16.—The heaviest snow storm of 15 years is here to-day. The main streets are blocked with drifts averaging ten feet. Several stores were unable to open for business.

Storm Damage About Boston.

Boston, Dec. 16.—Eight and one-half inches of snow fell yesterday and last night but the wind caused drifts of much greater depth. Trains from New York were an hour late and commuters generally were late in reaching the city. The storm ceased at daylight, and the weather bureau said there was no more snow in sight.

At Malden, Mary McInnis, a telephone operator who was on her way to work this morning, was killed by an express train. She crossed the track ahead of the engine but apparently was drawn back by the suction and was struck by car steps.

The Marconi radio station at Wellfleet was put out of commission as the result of the storm.

NO BLAME FOUND.

For Death of Aja Child on Track in Barre Some Weeks Ago.

Because it developed during the hearing before the public service commission at Montpelier yesterday afternoon, in the matter of the death of Peter Marcotte, that the New England and Orange county telephone companies were interested because the arc light was on their pole, the hearing was continued until Jan. 12, to allow the companies to be represented.

The case of Stephen Aja against Montpelier & Wells River railroad was taken up by the commission later in the afternoon and completed, there being comparatively few witnesses. It will be recalled that the Aja child, a baby slightly over a year old, was killed on the Berlin street crossing in Barre several weeks ago. The evidence before the commission tended to show that it was an unavoidable accident and it is probable that the commission will so report. State's Attorney Gleason represented the state in the railroad hearing.

WAS FOUND DEAD.

Alfred C. Woodward Was Life-Long Resident of Middlebury.

Middlebury, Dec. 16.—Alfred C. Woodward, a life-long resident of this town, who had been ill for some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Bosley, and who for the past two weeks had been confined to his room, was found dead Friday morning. He was about 58 years of age. He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Reno Pierce of Arlington, N. J. The remains were taken to the undertaking rooms of A. J. Blackmer. Mr. Woodward was for a number of years a popular clerk at the Addison house and afterward became a drug clerk and had worked in all of the drug stores of this village. He was a Mason of high degree. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Masonic temple.

CAIRO TEMPLE OFFICERS.

C. D. Simonds of Burlington Was Elected Imperial Potentate.

Rutland, Dec. 16.—C. D. Simonds of Burlington was elected imperial potentate of Cairo temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at the annual meeting here yesterday.

The other principal officers are: Chief rabban, Byron O. Robinson, Bellows Falls; assistant rabban, George Kincaid, Fair Haven; high priest and prophet, Dr. A. W. Farnsworth, Rutland; Oriental guide, Malcolm G. Clark, Burlington; treasurer, Frank Allen, Fair Haven; recorder, P. H. Seaver, Rutland.

The membership is 800, two being initiated yesterday. Three hundred were at the banquet last night.

WAS FINED \$50

Because While Intoxicated He Operated an Automobile.

Winoski, Dec. 16.—George Knox was in municipal court yesterday afternoon to answer to the charge of operating an automobile while in an intoxicated condition. He was fined \$50 and costs of \$8.70, which he paid. Arthur Ramsey, a passenger in the car with Knox, was fined \$5 and costs for intoxication. The car was being driven in a zigzag manner on Main street, first in a zigzag manner on East Center street. When they attempted to back out of the yard they smashed into some steps which lead into a boarding house. Chief of Police Barber then saw them and they were taken into custody and immediately brought into court.

PLAN CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

Bellows Falls Wage Earners to Consider Proposition.

Bellows Falls, Dec. 16.—A public meeting of the wage earners of the town will be held Sunday afternoon in papermakers' hall under the direction of the Central Labor union. The purpose of the meeting is to see whether the wage earners will open a co-operative store. This move has been agitated since early in the fall and it is expected that definite action will be taken at Sunday's meeting.